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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
Russia has demanded the ouster of Gen. MacArthur, as boss of Japan, and his replacement by an Allied Control Commission, with Russia furnishing the "control."

POTENT MOUTH FULL
(Emporia (Kan.) Gazette)
Free speech reigns in the Emporia Kiwanis club, Jean Morgan, program chairman at Tuesday's meeting had just introduced the speaker, V. M. Sheeley, who rose from his chair with the remark that "after that build-up I don't know where to begin."

Travellers returning from eastern Oregon report more hunters than antelopes and just as scared.
Corsa Kidd had a birthday yesterday. He attributes a ripe old age to regular breathing, and wearing out some of his own shoe leather on the golf course.

GIRLISH WAYS DOMINATE GIRLS.
(Junior Miss Mag.)—And the boys are still boyish.
This is Newspaper Week, with a "Free Press" as a slogan. There is nothing like a free press, except when it gets too free, as it did around here a few years back.

Japanese war criminals have been yanked from the comforts of the Yokohama jail, one of the better jails of the Orient, and marched off to one of the hell holes, where they held Allied prisoners during the war. The Nipps from the Mikado down, are now fanatically polite, instead of fanatically savage, as formerly.

DIRTY WORK AT CROSSROADS
"Next thing we knew there were two of these unofficial blazers at Goshen—one advertising the old Pacific highway and Redwoods route, the other the Klamath "short route" to California. And in Eugene, we have been shouting:
"A pox on both these monstrous signs. We don't like either of 'em, deplorable 'em, and hope that when the new junction and overhead at Goshen are completed in the postwar, something can be done to prevent this type of sign nuisance. Meantime, both signs seem to be on private property and little can be done."—(Eugene Register-Guard.)

The world's largest cotton plantation is located at Scott, Miss., and consists of 35,000 acres in one unit.
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Saigon Miniature Paris

Saigon, capital of the Colony of Cochinchina in French Indochina where native Annamites have been in revolt, was badly damaged during World War II. Following occupation by the Japanese in 1941, the busy rice-port city of peacetime years became a naval base, center of Jap submarine activity and naval repairs.

Portions of the city were flattened by American bombing attacks aimed primarily at shipyards and docks, railroad yards and riverside oil depots. Situated 34 miles up the navigable Saigon river from the China sea, Saigon had a harbor that could berth 40 or more large ships.

With modern buildings of French design, Saigon was a European city in an oriental setting, says the National Geographic Society.

In spite of Parisian architecture, the atmosphere of the Orient permeated the city with creaking oxcarts, rickshas and coolie porters adding local color to the street scene. Of the city's 110,000 population about 10,000 were French, and there was a sprinkling of other Europeans.

SAIGON was the great rice port of southern Indochina and handled much of the area's grain, rubber and tobacco. Cochinchina alone produced normally more than 2,000,000 tons of rice annually. Production was fostered in part by laboratories of the Institute of Agronomic and Forest Research at Saigon. Industrially, the city's operations included the processing of rubber and other plant productions, the manufacture of brick, tile, soap, cement and chemicals.—N.G.

Unrest In Johore

Reports of clashes in the Malayan state of Johore, charged to the Islamic Malay party's desire for an independent government, is further evidence of the postwar unrest in liberated areas. Johore, along with its neighbor Singapore, fell to the Japanese in 1942, and was recently freed by Allied forces.

The indicated purpose of the political agitation is to obtain independent rule "of, by, and for the united races of Chinese, Malays and Indians." Until 1914 Johore was an independent Sultanate under the rule of Sir ibni Abubakar Ibrahim—sportsman, big game hunter, soldier and traveler. In that year the Sultan agreed to accept and act upon the advice of a British officer called the general advisor, thus making Johore a protectorate. The Sultan is further assisted in governing by a legislative council and an executive council.

OCCUPYING the entire southern tip of British Malaya, Johore says the National Geographic Society, is washed on the east by the South China sea and on the west by the Strait of Malacca. It is connected with the island of Singapore by a three-quarter-mile causeway across the Straits of Johore. About the size of New Jersey, the state has a hot moist climate. The temperature varies from 67 degrees to 99 degrees.—N.G.

Westbrook Pegler

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Washington, Oct. 5—(U.P.)—I call attention to the important fact that the investigation of spectacular ventures for profit by members of the Roosevelt family has been almost exclusively an independent newspaper enterprise. The national government has given no help beyond a reluctant and superficial inquiry by the treasury, by grudging direction of the House Ways and Means committee, into a few of Elliott's highly lucrative loans.

One of these loans was dragged from John Hartford who told the treasury's examiners that he felt that the late President Roosevelt had "earmarked" him for a \$200,000 touch and that he put up the money only in fear of the President's "enmity" should he refuse.

That and Elliott's own admissions and his cynical boasts of his smarts appalled the democrats on the committee. So by a straight party vote, they tried to slam the door. Some of these democrats have the surviving decency to realize that they are engaged in dirty work but they seem to feel that the end justifies the means. The end here is the preservation of the Roosevelt myth.

FOR CONTRAST, we may recall the Teapot Dome investigation and Ferd Pecora's investigation of financial racketeering and tax-dodging. In neither case were the trust and integrity of the presidential office even vaguely impugned much less challenged by direct proof of greedy connivance at easy touches and that type of personal profit which, in the cynical language of politics, is known as white graft. White graft is non-criminal profit which, but for the exercise of influence, could not be had. Mr. Roosevelt, himself, explicitly condemned it on ethical grounds and then flagrantly encouraged that which he affected to abhor.

In the Pecora investigation, republican senators were no less diligent than democrats to run down the facts, although many of the more or less defendant citizens were republicans of high position in banking. Pecora was the star of the

THE DEMOCRATS however, are unnecessarily concerned over the people's reaction to the facts which they are trying to suppress. As politicians, they should know better. They should recall from experience that Americans, for the most part, are naive and cynical in politics. We do not remember that, in many cases past, we answered convincing proof of corruption by re-electing notorious betrayers of trust with increased pluralities. No civilian is more popular in New York than Jimmy Walker whose regime in the city hall was a historic disgrace. Far from punishing him, the people today feel some guilt in having hurt his feelings. President Truman's old patron,

Tom Pendergast, the foulest of the giant scoundrels of his time, likewise enjoyed the affection of that capricious and faceless creature, described with towering contempt by Henry Wallace as the common man. It was not the common man who sent Pendergast to prison, but Maurice Milligan, the federal district attorney, himself now forgotten, while Mr. Truman, who fought to protect a monumental rascal, enjoys the confidence of the American people.

Three times, the people of Chicago elected Big Bill Thompson who hardly bothered to pretend, knowing the voters better than they knew themselves and, by dying, left an enormous pile of hoarded currency.

News Behind The News
By Paul Maljon

Washington, Oct. 5—A glib interpretation of the London conference outcome is in current circulation, which holds the matter is probably all just the usual dickering of statesmen, a jockeying for position. The full failure to agree on anything of consequence, even including the minutes of the conference itself, has been described as just another "diplomatic crisis" which will soon be over.

This is wholly unjustified, according to my information. A detailed study of the disagreement will suggest its deeper nature.

The statement of State Secretary Byrnes at the breakup expressed expectations as hopeful as a doubtful man could stretch his pen to write for the usual diplomatic purposes. Authorities interested in going further and more frankly into an understanding of what happened have been led to these following inevitable conclusions:

1. Russia did not want an agreement. Her tactics disclosed this fully, as did her accepted responsibility for the failure. It was not a question of terms or details on this or that question, the Balkans, Italian peace treaty, Italian colonies or any of the other matters fully discussed. She prevented agreement on anything.

2. Her position challenged the whole United Nations peace setup. The single reason for the final break, mentioned by Byrnes, was Russian refusal to let France in on anything except the Italian treaty and China in on anything Europe.

The whole idea of the peace setup is a five nations theory. The principle of San Francisco, Dumbarton Oaks and the earlier Roosevelt agreements was, frankly, a five-nation setup to direct, and keep the peace of the future world.

The practical result of the Russian position would ignore all this, and defeat it, by establishing a three-nations agreement in Europe, where Russia is in possession of much new territory and is expressing strenuous isolationist political ambitions.

3. What is Russia's purpose? This conclusion must be put in form of a question. It was not yet hinted by Byrnes, if he knew. No direct information is yet available. Plainly China is our friend, and De Gaulle in France has been more friendly with us since an earlier visit to Moscow failed to bring promised

Say not WELCOME when I come, Nor FAREWELL when I go; For I come not, when I come, And I go not when I go.
The wild geese are calling over in Klamath and I am on my way out—Oct. 6th.
I like the hospitable climate and people of Medford. Tho a Mason I had no quarrel with the Catholic Hospital. The personnel gave me loyal attention.
I may come back to Medford or I may, after a few years, return to my native state of California. Most of my scholastic papers are in that state. Any patient who desires to see me, kindly do so, on or before October 6th.
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elections showed victories for socialists over communists. But, does this fully explain Russia's attitude? After all, the friendliest possible new government in Britain could not get along with her and was far more irate than Byrnes at the end, despite being recently elected over Churchill on the promise of greater friendliness with Russia than he provided. There must be deeper reasons. One generally shared here is that Russia is returning to strong isolationism.

4. Although Russia either does not realize it or care, the result caused her to lose much ground in the world. She had alienated both France and China by her position, but beyond this was opposed by the ambitions of the small nations of the world. Equally important she has no doubt unified American public opinion against her. Our people have been rather solidly behind the United Nations theory, and must now conclude she rejects it.

She was never the Initiator and wholehearted sympathizer at San Francisco, Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods or elsewhere. Her delegates turned around, went home from the Chicago air conference. Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill earlier always had to drag agreements from them.

5. The only way the peace can be concluded is for Russia to change her attitude, or for us—unthinkably—to abandon Britain, France, China and the rest of the world, our pledged war purposes, and our victory.

A change of attitude by Russia is not required such unreasonable or suicidal action. She has only to manifest a genuine desire for agreement by having Stalin reverse Molotov, or by renewing negotiations at the foreign minister level or initiating a movement for a Big Three meeting of Stalin, Attlee and Truman, thus showing in convincing way her good faith. One of these latter courses is anticipated as the next development. This is the real inner basis of the hope here—neither overinterpreted nor underinterpreted.

Wisconsin Student VFW Essay Winner
Chicago, Oct. 5—(U.P.)—Edward Thiel, 17, Wausau, Wis., today was winner of the \$1,000 first prize in the 1945 National Essay contest on Americanism sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson Co History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO
October 5, 1935
(It Was Saturday)
President Roosevelt orders munition ban for nation.

Ex-President Hoover attacks "spending policy" of New Deal.
Detroit defeats Chicago Cubs 2 to 1, in fourth game of world series.

First snow of season falls in Minnesota.
Fair, High 71, low 44 degrees.

Next week is "Fire Prevention" week.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
October 5, 1915
(It Was Monday)
Thirty six divorces filed in county so far this year.

President Coolidge tells Legion convention at Omaha, "To-

erance needed to halt future wars."

County bar urges removal of courthouse from Jacksonville.

City establishes right of Butte Creek Springs and the water thereof.

Medford high defeats Klamath Falls 21 to 0.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
October 5, 1911
(It Was Thursday)
Medford Day fair draws big crowd.

Promoters arrive with plan to build electric line in valley.

Cement plant may be built soon at Gold Hill.

Savage Dam Gates Will Drop Monday

Grants Pass, Oct. 5—(U.P.)—Gates of Savage Rapids dam in Rogue river will be lowered Monday and the water shut off from irrigation canals of the Grants Pass Irrigation district, according to a decision of the

board or directors at the regular meeting here Tuesday, Ted M. Hon, secretary manager, said today.

Hon warned owners of boats anchored in the river to be sure they are securely tied. The water will be let out slowly, he said, so there will be very little appre-

ciable rise in the river.

Water was turned into the canals the first part of April, Hon said. The Grants Pass Irrigation district includes approximately 11,000 acres.

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